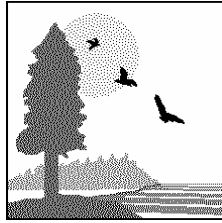


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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP:
UPDATE ON THE PREPARATION OF
A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

CSLC EIR No.: 738

Project: EIR for Ellwood Oil Development and Pipeline Project

CSLC Ref Files: W30119, W40912

SCH #: 2006061146

Date: December 18, 2006

To: Interested Parties

Project: Development of Oil and Gas Production on Leases PRC 3120.1 and 3242.1 from Platform Holly, New On-shore Pipeline, and Decommissioning Ellwood Marine Terminal (PRC 3904).

Applicant: Venoco, Inc.
5464 Carpinteria Avenue, Suite J
Carpinteria, California 93013

Location: Platform Holly is an existing facility on State tide and submerged lands (Lease PRC 3120.1 and 3242.1) off the coast of Santa Barbara County near the city of Goleta, California. Ellwood oil and gas onshore facilities include the property adjacent to the Sandpiper Golf Course, UC Santa Barbara leased lands near Ocean Meadows Golf Course, and a proposed pipeline corridor along State Route 101 to Las Flores Canyon.

Project Description:

The Project being proposed by Venoco would: 1) extend the oil and gas lease boundaries of PRC 3120.1 and 3242.1 to fully develop the oil reserves and drill up to 40 new wells from Platform Holly, 2) provide for safety improvements and upgrades at the existing Ellwood Onshore Facility (EOF), 3) install of a new onshore pipeline route system that would pipe production oil from the EOF to the All American Pipeline Limited Partnership's Coastal Pipeline located at Las Flores Canyon, and 4) eliminate and

decommission all operations at the Ellwood Marine Terminal (EMT) since it would be replaced by the new pipeline delivery system. A more detailed project description, location, proposed alternatives, and potential environmental effects was included in the Notice of Preparation (NOP) that was circulated in July 2006. The NOP and its attachment can be obtained at www.slc.ca.gov and from the following contact:

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Purpose of Public Workshop:

The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for this project. Santa Barbara County, the city of Goleta, and California Coastal Commission are responsible agencies and have agreed, through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the CSLC, to jointly assist the CSLC in the CEQA process because their respective agencies will rely on the CEQA document for their decision-making process.

The purpose of this informational workshop is to update agencies and the public of the current status of the Project, including environmental studies presently underway, and schedule. As specified above, a NOP was circulated in July 2006 for 30 days for public review and comment and two public scoping hearings were held on July 24, 2006. It was announced at the scoping hearings that this workshop would be held following CSLC's successful hiring of environmental consultants to conduct environmental studies and prepare the EIR. The following provides the date and location of the workshop:

DATE: Thursday, January 18, 2007
TIME: 4:00 PM
LOCATION: Goleta Community Center, Rooms 1 and 2
5679 Hollister Avenue
Goleta, California 93117

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the NOP and its attachment circulated in July 2006, please contact Eric Gillies at the above address, by phone (916) 574-1897, or e-mail at gilliee@slc.ca.gov. Copies of the NOP will be available at the public workshop and is also found on the CSLC web page: www.slc.ca.gov (under "Project Updates").